

## **SECTION 3.2 - MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD), within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), has responsibility for issuing municipal wastewater treatment facilities operator certifications. The purpose of this certification is to assure skilled operation of these facilities to prevent degradation of the environment and to protect public health.

### **A. NAME OF PERMIT OR APPROVAL:**

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certification

### **B. STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 4102, Part 41 Sewage Systems, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended (formerly Section 3 of Public Act 98 of 1913, as amended)

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 324.4102

### **C. APPLICABLE REGULATION:**

Environmental Science and Services Division – Sewerage Systems; Part 2. Treatment Facility Classification and Operator Certification (R 299.2911 - R 299.2927)

### **D. SUMMARY OF APPROVAL PROCESS:**

#### **1. Applicability**

Any municipal wastewater treatment facility.

#### **2. General Requirements**

The superintendent of a municipal wastewater treatment facility must be certified by the MDEQ.

#### **3. Submission Requirements**

- Formal application
- Educational background (including transcripts)
- Work experience

#### **4. Procedures for Obtaining Certification Approval**

Applicant submits application to the ESSD, Operator Training and Certification Unit, at least 45 days prior to annual examination date.

Applicants are evaluated on the basis of education, work experience, and written appraisal of treatment facility operation in any or all of its phases.

Applicant must be notified of eligibility to write at least 15 days prior to exam.

A passing grade of 70 percent is required. Pass/fail results may be publicly published.

Certificate is valid for three years and may be renewed provided the required continuing education has been obtained.

5. Operations Requirements

Certified operator must comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

6. Fees

None

7. Appeal Process

Formal appeal from an operator may be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

8. Public Input Opportunities

This program is a personal licensure program. The Board of Certification of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators recommends certification of qualified applicants to the Director of the MDEQ, who issues certificates. The Board meetings are open to the public. Pass/fail result rates may be publicly published.

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